



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 28, 2000

S. 2951

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to investigate opportunities to better manage the water resources in the Salmon Creek watershed of the Upper Columbia River

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on September 20, 2000*

S. 2951 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to investigate opportunities to improve fishery resources in the Salmon Creek watershed, while maintaining or improving the supply of irrigation water. The Salmon Creek watershed is a tributary to the Upper Columbia River system in Okanagoan County, Washington. The bill would limit the federal government's share of the study's total cost to 50 percent. Assuming the appropriation of necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2951 would cost about \$250,000 in fiscal year 2001.

S. 2951 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. S. 2951 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, or tribal governments might incur some costs to match the federal funds authorized by this bill, but these costs would be voluntary.

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